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Title: Hospice Patient Liability

BANNER MESSAGE

Effective April 1, 2003 and thereafter, individuals that elect Medicaid hospice services and reside in a nursing facility will be required to pay towards the cost of care in the nursing facility. The amount that the individual will be required to pay is referred to as the *Patient Liability*. **No hospice patient is to begin paying a patient liability amount prior to April 1, 2003. This change will be phased in as the individual's Medicaid eligibility is determined or re-determined.** The county Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) will notify you of the amount of the patient liability and the effective date via the Hospice Care Communicator Form. The Department is also sending each Hospice agency a separate letter that will provide more detail regarding this change and the information will be included in the April 1, 2003 Hospice Policy and the Hospice Billing manual.